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The President
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Sir:

Referring to attached editorial from the San Francisco Chronicle of September 9, 1963 I very much resent the use of even a fractional penny of my taxes towards this kind of activity of the CIA.

Undoubtedly, the CIA has its role in wartime and, now, as an intelligence collecting agency; but its various activities in Guatemala, Cuba or Vietnam remind one of the infamous "agents provocateurs" used extensively by the Czars. One would not have thought that our country would stoop to that level in the 20th century.

I doubt very much if the Buddhist majority of Vietnam for instance will have a great and lasting affection for the USA for having enabled their dictatorship to persecute them more effectively and brutally.

Very sincerely yours,



The CIA in Vietnam

WHO IS SURPRISED to learn that the Central Intelligence Agency is paying the salaries of the police army in Vietnam, called the Special Forces, that raids Buddhist pagodas and knocks students off their bicycles in the grim war against Asiatic communism?

Answer: No one who is at all familiar with the propensity of the CIA to get itself in trouble.

The CIA has been putting \$3 million a year into the pay and upkeep of the 2000 troops in the Special Forces. That is a quarter of a million dollars a month, or \$125 per man.

EVEN THE CIA found it hard to stomach the storming by the Vietnam Special Forces of the Buddhist pagodas. So there is intra-CIA debate about continuing the monthly subsidy.

Our solution for this dilemma would be to abolish the CIA in Vietnam before it does more harm to the United States. It will find a Bay of Pigs if there is one in Indochina; if there isn't, it will invent one. People who value the prestige and good name of the United States have had a bellyful of this organization of international wrong-wirepullers. Bring it home.

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